





00862.022278.

*IDS<sup>2</sup>*  
*1650*  
*2161*  
*30*  
PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KAZUMA SATO et al.

Application No.: 09/840,892

Filed: April 25, 2001

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD  
FOR COLLECTING USED  
OFFICE SUPPLIES

)  
: Examiner: N/Y/A  
)  
: Group Art Unit: 2161  
)  
:  
)  
:  
)  
:  
)  
: October 5, 2004

**RECEIVED**

OCT 12 2004

Technology Center 2100

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RECEIVED**

OCT 21 2004

**GROUP 3600**

SUPPLEMENTAL  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed May 14, 2004, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to JP 11-70378, which is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and of which a copy is enclosed.

As was the case with the May 14th IDS, this document was cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application.

A copy of the Japanese Office Action, which is dated July 30, 2004, is enclosed.

An English-language abstract for the Japanese document cited in the Japanese Office Action are enclosed. A concise explanation of relevance for this document is believed to be provided by the English-language abstract.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank L. Cire', written over a horizontal line.

Attorney for Applicants  
Frank L. Cire  
Registration No. 42,419

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, New York 10112-2200  
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

CA\_MAIN 87164v1

00862.022278.



1051  
2161  
5/26/04  
P&H  
#5

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
: Examiner: Not yet assigned  
KAZUMA SATO et al. )  
: Group Art Unit: 2161  
Application No.: 09/840,892 )  
: Filed: April 25, 2001 )  
: For: APPARATUS AND METHOD )  
FOR COLLECTING USED :  
OFFICE SUPPLIES ) May 13, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RECEIVED**

MAY 20 2004

**GROUP 3600**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 5,408,079

JP 6-96094  
JP11-349104

These documents were cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action is enclosed.

English-language abstracts for the Japanese documents cited in the Japanese Office Action are enclosed. A concise explanation of relevance for each of these documents is believed to be provided by the English-language abstracts. In addition, U.S. Patent No. 5,408,079 is believed to be an English-language counterpart of JP 6-096094.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



Attorney for Applicants

Registration No. 42,419

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, New York 10112-2200  
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

CA\_MAIN 81168v1